

2015 Annual Meeting minutes

Called to order by President Josie Brislawn at 7:08 pm Saturday evening, June 20, 2015, official business meeting held at James River State Park, Gladstone, VA.

Secretary's Report, presented by Secretary Carol Dildine. Minutes from 2014 Nebraska meeting published in the fall newsletter and 2014 annual. No changes or corrections requested, motion to approve the minutes by George Schaefer, seconded by Jim Dildine, approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report, presented by Secretary Carol Dildine in the absence of Treasurer Lisa Mahan. Checking account #1 has \$7738.61, #2 has \$510.00. R. E. Brislawn Scholarship Fund has \$2655.00, CD#1 has \$5713.81, CD#2 has \$2032.90. Online PayPal account has \$162.82. Overall total is \$18,813.14. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report by George Schaefer, seconded by Caryl Semmler. Report will be filed for audit.

Trends report.

- Registrations reported by Carol Dildine, Secretary, in the absence of Marye Ann Thompson, Registrar.

Calendar Year	Registrations	Transfers
2014	27	11
2013	24	27
2012	60	34

- Membership numbers reported by Carol Dildine, Secretary.

Fiscal year	Lifetime	Family	Single	Youth
2014-2015	2	41	65	1
2013-2014	2	43	74	1
2012-2013	2	40	75	0

Old Business:

Jim Dildine brought to the membership's attention that the Spanish Mustang Foundation is a 501c3 organization that accepts tax deductible contributions to support the Spanish Mustang. The organization has provided financial support to large breeders allowing them to continue to feed during a hard winter; they have also provided funding for an individual who wanted to campaign a Spanish Mustang. This information has been provided before at meetings and in the newsletter but Jim wanted to insure that all individuals who were attending a business meeting for the first time were aware of this organization.

New business:

Decisions from the director's meeting

- 1) The spring newsletter, the annual and the member mail out with the annual meeting agenda all are being mailed in April or May. We need to spread these out more to communicate with the membership more evenly spaced throughout the year. The following decisions on dates should accomplish this.
 - a) The **Annual Editor** is responsible for creating and mailing one publication per year. Annual article submission deadline is Dec. 31 with only the Points & Awards Coordinator having until Jan. 31 to get the current year's information to the editor. Annual publication is expected to be mailed no later than March 31 and should include information about the upcoming annual meeting as well as announcements of the Points & Awards for the current year; e.g., the 2015 annual should contain an announcement of Points & Awards for the calendar year 2015, information about the 2016 annual meeting, and will be mailed to the membership no later than March 31, 2016.
 - b) The **Newsletter / Publicity Director** is responsible for creating and mailing three Newsletters: winter/spring newsletter article deadline is currently April 1, move that back to March 1, and the published newsletter containing information about the upcoming annual meeting should be mailed to the membership by May 1; the summer newsletter deadline is July 15 and contains minutes from the annual meeting and should be mailed to the membership by Sept. 1; the fall newsletter deadline is October 1 and should be mailed to the membership by Dec. 31.
- 2) **Nominating Committee**. All members in good standing will have until March 1, 2016 to propose candidates to the following members of the Nominating Committee.
 - **George Schaefer, chair, 218 Forbes Rd, Appomattox, VA 24522. Phone: 434.352.4273, email: ironhorse6@hotmail.com**
 - **Becky Fulcher, 8954 S. Brittany Path, Inverness, FL 34452. Phone: 352.341.2461, email: rafulche@aol.com**
 - **John OBanion, 8912 Sargent, Indianapolis, IN 46256. Phone: 317.849.3288, email: johnobanion@sbcglobal.net**
 - **Dave Reynolds, 27003 SD Highway 89, Hot Springs, SD 57747. Phone: 605.745.4883, email: sorraiamustangs@gmail.com**
 - **Gary Arrechea, P.O. Box 21, Schulenburg, TX 78956**

Phone: 979.562.2449, email: thesundanceranch@yahoo.com

- Steve Huffman, 624 Dyer Drive, Belden, MS 38826

Phone: 662.489.8552, email: cbhuff@wildblue.net

3) **Location of 2016 meeting:**

The Board of Directors decided that the 2016 meeting will be held in Oregon, hosted by Simrat Khalsa. The focus of the meeting will be the 100th anniversary of the homesteading of the Cayuse Ranch. The meeting has previously been held in Oregon in 1999 and 2009.

The 2017 meeting will be held at the Cayuse Ranch in Wyoming to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Spanish Mustang Registry.

Volunteers are needed in several areas:

R. E. Brislaw Scholarship criteria and application process.

There is a significant balance in the scholarship fund but no applications are being submitted. We need to better publicize the availability of the scholarship. Linda Hensley volunteered for this position at the June business meeting. Linda can be contacted at 2176 Saddle Trail, McGaheysville, VA 22840.

Phone: 540.280.0341, email: lrh.wms@hotmail.com .

Featured Horse criteria and selection process.

In an effort to update the website content on a regular basis and provide the public with more information about the Spanish Mustang there was a decision to create a “Featured Horse” page for the website. Ideally this will be a video clip, will show different disciplines, will be submitted to a volunteer who will work with the webmaster to put the content on the website. The horse must be SMR registered, the owner/rider/submitter doesn’t have to be an SMR member, the horse does not have to participate in the Points & Awards program. The volunteer will determine the criteria for selecting which horse will appear on the website, have the criteria approved by the Board of Directors and then publicize the criteria on the website and in the newsletter and annual.

Work with Horseflicks DVD to create a video showcasing the Spanish Mustang

Volunteer needed to move this project forward. This project was agreed to by the BOD at 2013 meeting. With no activity at the 2014 or 2015 meeting, this item remains on the agenda. Questions that need to be answered: who controls the master copy? If NOT in the control of the SMR what is the minimum number of copies that can be ordered? Will member-submitted video be used or does the

production company film it all? What is the practicality of the company travelling to various locations to film or would this be filmed in conjunction with an annual meeting where members are encouraged to bring their horses? Preference is that the master is controlled by the SMR and we make copies as needed for membership. The video should include both video footage and still photos of different disciplines: dressage; jumping; endurance; competitive trail; cattle/ranch work; carriage, driving; gaitedness; timed events: team penning, team roping, barrel racing; youth events; parades. IF the production company can use member supplied video the membership will be asked to submit video and photos for consideration with the horse registration number and rider identified and a release signed for use of the footage.

Information Packets for Membership

Volunteer needed to create information packets for members to use in their promoting efforts. Design / create packets for expo, trailriding, eventing, youth or FFA event. Checklist: deadlines, forms, release of liability example, fliers available, etc.

Awards presentations

- Bill Valentine Award: no one has been nominated for this award since 2012.
- High Point horse awards were presented by Becky Fulcher. Details appear separately .
- R. E. Brislawn scholarship, there have been no applicants for the scholarship.

Meeting Attendees:

George Schaefer, VA, host
Kathryn Schaefer, VA, host
Sean McMahan, NC
Cheryl McMahan, NC
Darrell Hensley, VA
Linda Hensley, VA
Rosie Goldstein, NC
Gil Goldstein, NC
Caryll Semmler, VA
Scott Semmler, VA
Josie Brislawn, WY
John Adams, MS
John Carter, MS
Jim Dildine, TX
Carol Dildine, TX
Fred Fulcher, FL
Becky Fulcher, FL
Kim Roderick, NC
Jacinta Wuerth, IN

Allen Wuerth, IN
Benjamin Sones, VA
David Sones, VA
Valerie Carter, VA
Miranda Mitchell, VA
Sheila Howell, NC